
Appendix A

Analysis of Scoping Comments

Lamb Creek Road Use Permit Project

Three letters specific to the project were received during the scoping period of May 27, 2016 to June 27, 2016. The three letters were analyzed and an analysis code assigned to the comments (see Table 1).

Comment Analysis Codes

- 1: Outside the scope of the proposed action.
- 2: Already decided by law, regulation, Forest Plan, or other higher level of decision.
- 3: Irrelevant to the decision to be made.
- 4: Conjectural and not supported by scientific evidence.
- 5: General comment, suggestion, opinion, or position statement.
- 6: Other agency or partner's consultation, review, advice, recommendation(s), etc.
- 7: Already considered in the proposed action or is standard procedure.
- 8: Will be included in an analysis of effects to the environment.

Codes 1 – 6 are standard codes. Comments assigned to these codes are considered to be non-significant issues. Code 7 was added as a category for those suggestions that are already proposed or for procedures that are routinely done. Code 8 was added as a category for suggestions that will be analyzed for effects to the environment.

Table 1: Comment Analysis

Commenter	Comment	Disposition
Gary Mcfarlane Friends of the Clearwater	The road is currently closed for wildlife and soil purposes.	The closure order is for soil and water resource protection.
	Since wildlife and even humans at times do not distinguish between agency, timber company or other vehicles, opening a closed road would have impacts not anticipated in the travel planning process.	1
	Sediment increases from log hauling need to be evaluated.	8
	[A] CE seems inappropriate for this project.	We have determined no extraordinary circumstances exist (36 CFR 220.6), and therefore the use of a CE is appropriate for each project.
	The [FS] should consider, as an option, closing an equal amount of open road in the Elk Analysis Area as mitigation for this project.	1

Commenter	Comment	Disposition
Jonathan Oppenheimer and Mackenzie Case, Idaho Conservation League	We are concerned that the ... road use permits warrant additional information in the interest of soliciting meaningful input. As a result, we encourage you to provide a supplemental comment period on each of these projects to involve the public to the extent practicable.	5
	... activities approved via special use permits should be considered connected actions pursuant to NEPA.	Although it would be more economical for Potlatch Corp. to use Forest System Roads for access and log hauling, they could gain access to and log haul from their property by constructing a road (temporary or permanent). As such, the timber harvest et al are not contingent on the proposed special use permit, and therefore they are not considered connected actions with the issuing of the permit.
	As such, the impacts associated with activities on lands administered by the Idaho Department of Lands and other entities (including but not limited to logging, road construction, application of pesticides, herbicides, and other activities) must be disclosed and analyzed prior to approval of the Road Use Permit by the Forest Service	The timber sale et al on Potlatch Corp. lands will be analyzed as a cumulative effect where the project area falls within the cumulative effects analysis area, as defined by the resource specialists.
	Impacts to these resources could warrant the development of an EA or an EIS, however it is impossible to know based on the lack of information provided in the scoping notice.	We have determined no extraordinary circumstances exist (36 CFR 220.6), and therefore the use of a CE is appropriate for each project.
	Analyses for each project should consider how the project is consistent with various management directions, including but not limited to the Endangered Species Act, Nez Perce and Clearwater National Forest Plans, Clean Water Act and any other relevant laws and agency direction.	7
Daniel Stewart Idaho Dept. of Env. Quality	Project activities may affect the NP-CW NF's ability to achieve flow based on pollutant allocation reduction associated with Forest land or management activities.	3
	Projects initiated after the establishment of TMDL pollutant load allocations can adversely affect water quality through a reduction in load capacity.	3